



OUR LADY OF THE PINES, DONVALE



Ss PETER & PAUL, DONCASTER EAST



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Tuesday to Friday

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 7th FEBRUARY & 8th FEBRUARY 2026

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and dignity of all children and young people in our parish, fostering a caring and supportive environment. For our child-safe policy, please visit our parish website or contact the parish office

OUR VISION

SSPP: We are a welcoming, inclusive Catholic community committed to living our Christian faith daily. We celebrate and witness that Jesus lives and share the message of the Gospel through our actions.

OLOP: Our Lady of the Pines Parish is a welcoming, inclusive community that aims to live our Christian faith by example in our daily lives.

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday, 11:15am @Ss Peter & Paul
Youth Coordinator: Sharon Yeo

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS

By Appointment

CONFESSION

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st & 3rd Saturday: 4:30pm

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Saturday: After 9am mass &

2nd & 4th Saturday 5:30pm

ROSARY

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

Sunday: 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

Weekday: Following 9am Mass

BAPTISM

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

1st Sunday at 11am

Ss Peter and Paul Parish

2nd Sunday at 12:30pm

SSPP BIBLE SHARING

Wednesday: 10:15am

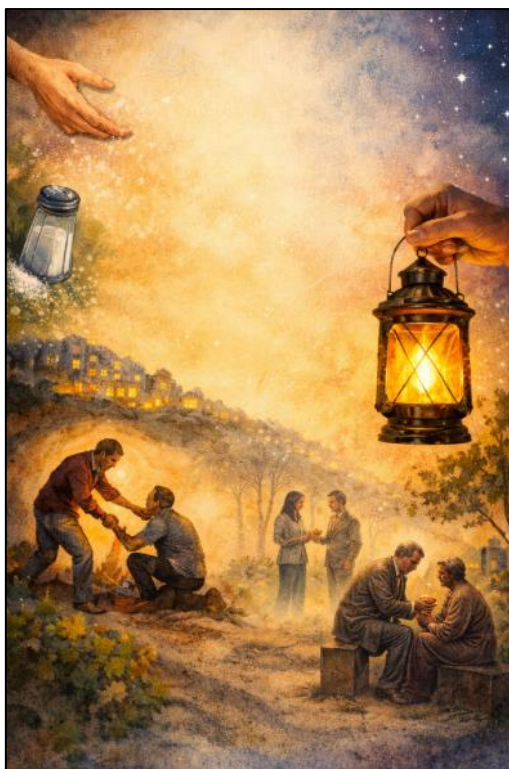
SSPP CHARISMATIC GROUP

Tuesday: 7:00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel (Matthew 5:13–16), Jesus reminds his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, called to bring flavour, goodness, and guidance to the lives of others rather than blending into the background. Salt that loses its taste becomes useless, and light hidden away serves no purpose, just as faith that is not lived out cannot transform the world.

In our modern lives, this Gospel challenges us not to dim who we are out of fear, comfort, or indifference, but to live with integrity, kindness, and courage in everyday moments, at work, at home, and in our communities. Being salt and light today looks like choosing compassion over judgement, hope over cynicism, and action over apathy, allowing our good works to quietly reflect God's love. The takeaway is simple yet powerful: live your faith intentionally, knowing that even small acts of goodness can shine brightly and draw others closer to God.



PARISH & SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Parish Priest: Fr Toan Nguyen

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Frkdillon@outlook.com.au

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary: Maria C. & Orene M.

Bookkeeping: Frances Johnson

PPC Chairperson

OLOP: Peter Given

SSPP: Andres Isaza

School Principal

Brendan Keeling

OLOP Phone: 9842 2991

SSPP Phone: 9842 2056

MASS TIMES

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

Tuesday, Thursday: 9am

Mon, Wednesday & Friday:

Communion Service at 9am

Saturday: 9am & Vigil at 6pm

Sunday: 8am & 11:15am

Mass & Divine Mercy Devotion:

1st Friday of the Month at 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Pines Parish

Wednesday and Friday: 9am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 9:30am

SUPPORT US

Ss Peter & Paul's Parish

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Our Lady of the Pines Parish

BSB: 083 347

Act No:

647620921

or QR Code:



OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that last year we raised \$36,031. We would very much like to thank all our community who supported our functions and look forward to announcing shortly our functions etc for 2026.

PIETY GIFT STALL - PRAYER QUILTS!!!

Prayer quilts are handmade miniature quilts designed as comfort gifts for the sick, elderly, bereaved and troubled. Each quilt includes a prayer card, as shown in the photos. There are four different styles, the Trinity with 3 pieces of fabric representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has a lace or ribbon cross surrounded by a cross-quilted design. The Gold Cross with a metallic woven cross on a red background, also quilted with a cross design, and the pocket quilt and mini pocket quilt, small enough to take anywhere. They can be found at the Gift Stall after weekend masses.



ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR 2025

In 2025, an undisclosed contest was organised to select the altar server of the year. We are delighted to announce **Nick Soetarso** is the winner of the 2025 "Altar Server of the Year" award! In 2025, Nick served 30 masses which topped the most amongst servers. He attended weekend masses regularly, was dedicated to his obligations and always willing to fill in for his peers. He showed reverence during serving and his positive attitude truly set him apart. Please join us in congratulating Nick for this well-deserved recognition! Thank you for being a vital part of our team, Nick!



Ss PETERS AND PAUL'S PARISH NEWSLETTER & NOTICES

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

The Ladies Luncheon Group resumes on Wednesday the 11th February with a bring a plate lunch in the Narthex at 12.30pm.

If you wish to attend, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 to book and arrange what food you intend to bring. Everyone is most welcome.



REMINDER: ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

This is a reminder that the Rosary is prayed before our weekend Masses at the following times:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:35pm**
- **Sunday Morning Mass: 7:35am**
- **Sunday Late Morning Mass: 10:50am**

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to arrive early and join in this prayerful preparation for Mass.

We are still seeking **volunteers to lead the Rosary**. If you can assist, please add your name to the **Rosary roster located at the back of the church**.

Thank you for your continued support.



STEWARDSHIP / THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES – REMINDER

Parishioners are reminded that **Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Envelopes** are still available for collection. Several envelopes have now been waiting for **approximately three weeks**. If envelopes are not collected, we will assume that they are **no longer required** and that the Stewardship Envelope Program is no longer being used by those parishioners. We kindly ask that you **please collect your envelopes before leaving the church**. If you are unable to attend any weekend Masses, please make arrangements for your envelopes to be **collected during the week** by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH & Ss PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH



**FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY
BOOK NOW**

Join us for a fun night of Q&A with
our favourite trivia host - Ian Moore.

Friday 20th February
Starts 7:00pm
OLOP Parish Centre
77 Carbine St DONVALE

Tickets \$35 per head
Only 18 years plus
BYO dinner and nibbles
Wine, beer, soft drinks on sale
(No BYO alcohol please)

TO BOOK CALL:
David Sowersby 0419 311 775
Roy Tavenor 0439 668 803
OLOP school 9842 2991

You could win big in the
Pot 'O Gold
raffle

Book a table of up to
10 or let us match
you up with some
friendly Trivia buffs!



Volunteer with IMPACT

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](https://palms.org.au) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



Want to visit a community first? Join our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor Leste!**
Book by **28 February** for the May tour! See palms.org.au/encounters

MARY MAGDALENE – THE MUSICAL

An original dramatic musical inspired by the life of Mary Magdalene, this powerful production explores a bold human journey of rebellion, ruin, and resurrection. Written by John Lee with an original score by Antonio Rullez, Keith Ng, and Beth “Betchay” Mondragon Williams, and directed by Beth “Betchay” Mondragon Williams, the work reimagines Mary Magdalene with depth, dignity, and emotional resonance.

Dates & Times:

- Fri. 13 & Sat. 14 March 2026 @ 7.00pm
- Sat. 14 & Sun. 15 March 2026 @ 1.00pm

Venue:

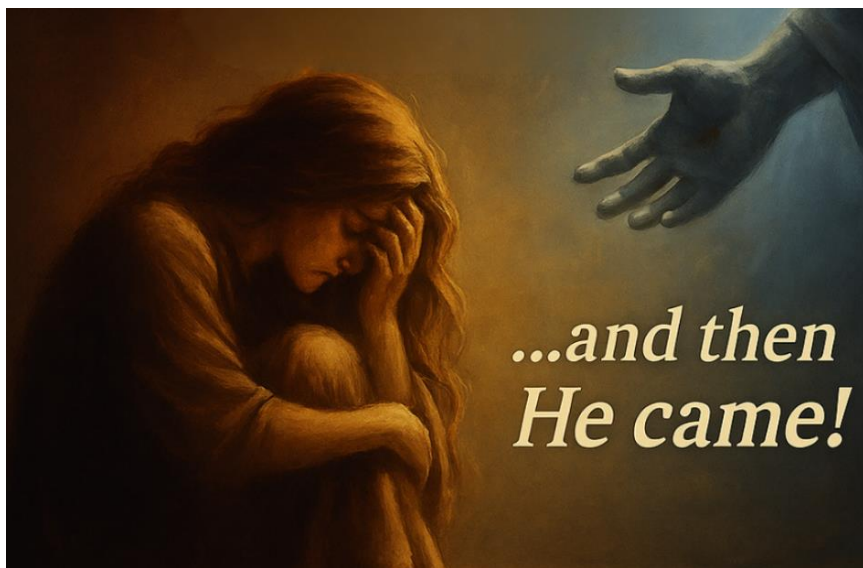
Renaissance Theatre, 826 High Street, Kew East VIC 3102

Click below for booking details:

[Booking Details](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1511253)

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*...and then
He came!*



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Manningham
Interfaith
Network Inc.

Harmony with your Neighbours



Sunday 29 March

11:00am till 3:00pm

Sausage Sizzle – Ruffey Lake Park –
Victoria Street entrance.
(99 Victoria Street DONCASTER EAST)



Free BBQ with your
neighbours in the
Park
Sausages, drink,

community information and share
conversations with community
leaders.



Flyers and show bag available.

For further information email min.manningham.interfaith@gmail.com
Or contact MIN President Shahram Naizian – 0401 408 969

ROSTERS

OUR LADY OF THE PINES ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th FEBRUARY & 15th FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 5pm: James Beckford
- Sun 9:30am: Maya Chhajer

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Vince Taranto

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 5pm: Lisa & Jeanelle
- Sun 9:30am: Bruce Stewart

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 5pm: Lily, Tiana & Meagan
- Sun 9:30am: Porscha, Zach & Zayne

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 7: Mirella Drago, Buford Ng & Jack Deady

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

- Sat 5pm: Gabrielle Collins & Mary Wynack
- Sun 9:30am: Janet Goodwin & Pat Goodwin

PIETY STALL:

- Sat 5pm: Gillian Beckord
- Sun 9:30am: Sue Keating

HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

- Davis & Lazzari

Ss PETER AND PAUL'S ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th FEBRUARY & 15th FEBRUARY

READERS:

- Sat 6pm: Patrick Soosay
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- 11:15am: Vince Taranto

COMMENTATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Katrina Chong
- Sun 8am: Frank Smit
- 11:15am: John Mirams

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATORS:

- Sat 6pm: Lia/Andrew Di Marzio
- Sun 8am: Volunteer
- 11:15am: Boon Tan

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Sat 6pm:
- Sun 11:15am:

MONEY COUNTING:

- Group 1: George Cooper, Greg Sleeth & John Mirams

COMMUNION MINISTER:

- Sat 6pm: Loraine Lednar
- Sun 8am: Muriel O'Gorman
- Sun 11:15am: Albert Ling & Volunteer

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 21st FEBRUARY AT 10AM:

Group 6: Julian Siame, Monica Chai, Patrick Martin, Sebastian & Ann Fernando & Kim & Hans Osorio

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Juanita Lim Co

WE PRAY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL & THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH

Michelle Pappalardo

AT Ss PETER & PAUL'S PARISH

Katalin Prodan, Adriano Porcellato, Caterina 'Rinuccia' DeLorenzo, Bertha De Isaza, Robert Romero Turriago

MASS READINGS

THIS WEEKEND READINGS 7th FEBRUARY & 8th FEBRUARY

First Reading:

[Isaiah 58:7-10](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 5:13-16](#)

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS 14th FEBRUARY & 15th FEBRUARY

First Reading:

[Sirach 15:15-20](#)

Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 2:6-10](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 5:17-37](#)

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

List your business in our parish newsletter. Contact (03) 9842 1480

Mark's Gardening Service:

Weeding, Mowing, Mulching, Hedging –
All your garden needs. Pension Discounts
Call Mark: 0456 166 860

Fabris Electrical Contractors:

Electrical services and Data or Phone system installation.
Call Marco: 0421 907 112 or
Mario: 0421 907 061

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please forward any newsletter items to the Parish Office by no later than Wednesday midday.
Thank You.